

05 June

The U.S. said it will seek to defuse a growing rift between its energy-rich Gulf allies after Saudi Arabia led a drive to isolate Qatar by cutting off air and sea transport and closing the tiny nation's only land border.

Apple Inc. Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook said the company has helped U.K. officials investigate terror attacks, while reiterating his dismay over U.S. plans to quit the Paris agreement on climate change.

Nyl Patangan, a nursing graduate from the Philippines, left his native land in search of a better life. Now working in a Chicago hospital after a stint in Dubai, he's supporting his parents back home and is buying his mother a Toyota Vios.

There's been no shortage of bad news when it comes to China's massive debt pile, from turbulence in the corporate bond market to last month's sovereign rating downgrade by Moody's Investors Service.

06 June

Prime Minister Theresa May said she'd be willing to tear up human rights legislation in the battle against terrorists, as security continued to dominate the final days of the U.K. election campaign.

The European Commission will propose options for boosting joint defense capabilities of the EU's 27 nations, including a fully-fledged security union that could overlap with responsibilities currently endowed to NATO, amid a growing rift between the continent and the U.S. administration.

The biggest Middle East oil and container ports banned all vessels sailing to and from Qatar from using their facilities amid a diplomatic crisis gripping the world's main energy-exporting region.

Singapore Airlines Ltd. said jobs are likely to be cut as part of a business review Southeast Asia's biggest carrier has kicked off to revive earnings following a surprise quarterly loss.

07 June

The euro is on a tear, U.S. investors are snapping up European stocks -- and traditional theories to justify the shared currency's spirited advance have broken down, as investors luxuriate in a climate of low volatility.

Bitcoin's gold for millennials. Or maybe it's that generation's fine wine and collectible art. Or just a bubble waiting to burst.

Credit Suisse Group AG investors agreed to buy 99.2 percent of the shares on sale in a rights offering, raising 4.1 billion Swiss francs (\$4.3 billion) for Chief Executive Officer Tidjane Thiam's turnaround plan.

Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly said his agency is considering banning laptop computers from passenger cabins of flights to the U.S. from another 71 foreign airports, in an expansion of a policy announced in March.

08 June

The pound pared an initial drop of nearly 2 percent as traders swayed to early U.K. vote results even as an exit poll projected that the ruling Conservative Party would fall short of an overall majority.

Mario Draghi is reminding everyone that the euro-area economy may have turned the corner, but the job market is still far from healthy.

Qatar and Saudi Arabia square off in a major diplomatic feud. Suicide bombers strike at the heart of the Iranian capital. Kurdistan moves toward independence, and war rages on in Syria and Yemen.

China's deleveraging dilemma -- how to squeeze excess liquidity out of the financial system without spurring a full-blown cash crunch -- is facing its toughest test.

09 June

The U.K. was plunged into chaos as Prime Minister Theresa May's office said the administration hasn't yet reached a deal with Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party that would allow her to govern, hours after saying an agreement had been reached.

As European Union officials count the days before their annual vacation, Google's lawyers and lobbyists are hunkering down in Brussels, preparing for what may be a record EU antitrust fine.

Investors in Qatari stocks, bonds and currency forwards were saddled with losses this week as the country was thrust into the epicenter of an unprecedented spat with its neighbors.

North Korea says it has moved closer to test-firing an intercontinental ballistic missile with the potential of hitting the U.S. mainland.

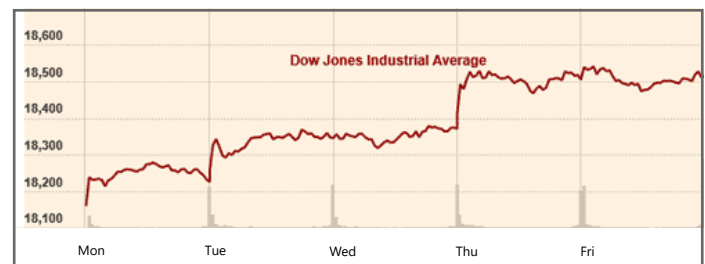
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